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PROGRESS OF INDO-US DEFENCE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the Indo-US military cooperation;

(b) if so, the progress made in the projects outlined by Indo-US defence policy group;

(c) whether any new changes are proposed to be made in the Indo-US military cooperation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The Indo-US defence cooperation is periodically reviewed by Defence Policy Group (DPG) and various subgroups. It was last reviewed in India-US Defence Joint Working Group (DJWG) meeting which was held in New Delhi on April 10, 2007. Progress on decisions taken in Defence Policy Group has been to the satisfaction of both the sides. Some of the important areas of cooperation based on decision of 8th Defence Policy Group are participation of India in Passing exercise involving India, United States and Japan and United States' invitation to India as observer in Exercise Red Flag Nellis to be held in United States. Defence Cooperation between these two countries is an ongoing process. Activities under defence cooperation are decided based on mutual interest.